Patent claims

- 1. Process for the preparation of granules for a pharmaceutical formulation, wherein
 - (ii) a mixture comprising or consisting of
 - one or more active ingredients and
 - one or more retarding agents is wetted with an oily substance and
 - (ii) the mixture is granulated.
- 2. Process for the preparation of granules for a pharmaceutical formulation, wherein
 - (i) one or more active ingredients are mixed with one or more retarding agents,
 - (ii) the mixture obtained is wetted with an oily substance and
 - (iii) the mixture obtained is granulated.
- 3. Process according to claim 1 or 2, wherein there is used a mixture according to claim 1 (i) or claim 2 (ii) comprising one or more excipients, especially comprising one or more fillers, flow-regulating agents, wetting agents and/or disintegrants.
- 4. Process according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein wetting with the oily substance is carried out by spraying.
- 5. Process according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein wetting with the oily substance is carried out at room temperature.
- Process according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein there is provided for the
 mixture according to claim 1 (i) or according to claim 2 (ii) at least one corrosive and/or
 hydrophilic active ingredient.
- 7. Process according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein an active ingredient content of from 0.1 to 98 % by weight and especially from 0.5 to 70 % by weight is provided (based on the total weight of the granules).

- 8. Process according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein as retarding agent for the mixture according to claim 1 (i) or according to claim 2 (ii) there is provided a lipophilic retarding agent, especially in combination with a hydrogel matrix-forming agent and/or structural matrix-forming agent.
- 9. Process according to claim 8, wherein as retarding agent there is provided a combination of lipophilic retarding agent and hydrogel matrix-forming agent.
- 10. Process according to claim 8, wherein as retarding agent there is provided a combination of lipophilic retarding agent and structural matrix-forming agent with water-soluble excipient.
- 11. Process according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein as oily substance there is used a natural oil, a synthetic oil, a solution of wax in oil, or low-viscosity wax.
- 12. Process according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein a content of oily substance of from 0.2 to 20 % by weight and especially from 1 to 7.5 % by weight is provided (based on the total weight of the granules).
- 13. Process according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the granules obtained are in addition provided with an outer phase of one or more retarding agents.
- 14. Process according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein granulation is carried out using a fluidised bed granulator or a plowshare mixer.
- 15. Process according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein granulation is carried out with the aid of a granule binder, especially in the form of a solution (granulating solution) of the granule binder in a solvent.
- 16. Process according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the granules obtained are further processed to form tablets.
- 17. Process for the preparation of tablets, wherein granules that have been obtained according to any one of claims 1 to 15 are processed to form tablets.

- 18. Process according to claim 16 or 17, wherein for the further processing to form tablets or for the preparation of tablets, excipients are used, especially fillers, lubricants, flow-regulating agents and/or disintegrants.
- 19. Process according to claim 18, wherein the tablet is provided with a coating.
- 20. Granules obtained in accordance with a process according to any one of claims 1 to 15.
- 21. Granules for a pharmaceutical formulation, consisting of or comprising a mixture of
 - one or more active ingredients and
 - one or more retarding agents, wherein
 - the mixture has been wetted with an oily substance.
- 22. Granules according to claim 21, wherein the granules comprise at least one corrosive and/or hydrophilic active ingredient.
- 23. Tablet, obtainable in accordance with a process according to any one of claims 16, 17, 18 and/or 19.